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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-11 and 23-44 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 16, 17 and 19-22 and add claims 41-44.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 5-11 and 23-40 are allowed.

Claims 16, 17 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Minakuchi et al. (U.S. 5,844,547).

Applicants have canceled claims 16, 17 and 19-22. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 16, 17 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Minakuchi et al. (U.S. 5,844,547) is moot.

New claims 41-44 recite features that are similar to the features recited in allowable claims 5 and 23. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 41-44 are allowable for the same reasons that claims 5 and 23 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 5-11 and 23-44 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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